(c) The vessels were inspected by the Chief Engineer, Special Assistant Engineer, Water Works, and the Mechanical Superintendent. Advice was also taken from the Naval Officers who were then present at the Willingdon Island.

(2) All the vessels are generally in good condition.

(3) Mechanical Superintendent.

(4) There were several accessories and some spare parts in each.

(5) Yes.

(d) Government have appointed a Mechanical Superintendent and a Foreman to be in exclusive charge of the landing crafts. They are qualified hands experienced in the operation of diesel engines. These crafts are not at present meant to be used as sea-going crafts.

(e) Government have no information.

(f) The question is under consideration of Government.

(g) (1) The vessels are in good order generally. They will require cleaning, painting and other routine repairs before they can be put into service. A fully qualified staff has not been appointed for the purpose.

(2) 4 of the L. C. Ts. have been put into working order and they have been used for carrying of rice bags for the Food Department, pipes for construction works at Chowwara and oil for Trichur during the Railway strike. The L.C.Ms. have been utilised for ferry service during the monsoon season at Chowwara. The fishing crafts have not yet been put into service.

POLICE CONSTABLES—RECRUITMENT OF

390. മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. കെ. കണ്ണൻ; താഴെ പറയുന്ന ചോദ്യങ്ങൾക്ക ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട ഗവണ്മെണ്ടിൽനിന്നും സദയം മറുപടി പറയുമൊ.—

(എ) ഫ്രഞ്ച ചിങ്ങം ഫാംങ- മുതൽ ധനുമാസം അവസാനംവരെ എത്രപേരെ പൊല്ലിസ് കാൺസ്റ്റബിൾമാരായി റിക്രൂട്ട് ചെയ്തിട്ടുണ്ട്;

(ബി) ഈ നിയമനങ്ങൾക്ക അധികൃതരിൽനിന്ന് എത്ര അപേക്ഷകന്മാരുണ്ടായിരുന്നു;

(സി) അവരിൽ എത്രപേരെ തിരഞ്ഞെടുത്തിട്ടുണ്ട്?

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. രാഘവൻ:

(എ, ഡയറക്ട.

(ബി) തിരഞ്ഞെടുപ്പിന്ന ഹാജരായവരുടെ എണ്ണം ജാതിപ്രകാരം കണക്ക വെക്കാറില്ല.

(സി) ഫർ പേരെ തിരഞ്ഞെടുത്തു.

COCOANUT OIL—SELLING PRICE OF

391. **Mr. M. O. Thomakutty** *(Commerce and Industry):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(a) is it not stated in the Government Press note that the selling price of cocoanut oil has been fixed @ Rs. 1—8—0 per edangazhi;

(b) what is the present price;

(c) what is the reason for the deviation, if any;

(d) were any of the merchants consulted before the price was fixed;

(e) if so, who are the merchants?

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Minister for Food and Education):*

(a) Yes, in Press Note, dated 5th Dhanu 1122.

(b) Rs. 1—10—8 per Standard Edangazhi.

(c) The volume contents of Edangazhi vary from place to place, and hence it was found necessary to fix the price in terms of Standard Edangazhi of 44 fluid ozs.

(d) Yes.

(e) A list of merchants is given in the appendix. *(Appendix V).*

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